

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LOME 02307 151255Z

45

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 SPC-03 AID-20 EB-11 NSC-10

RSC-01 CIEP-02 TRSE-00 SS-20 STR-08 OMB-01 CEA-02

COME-00 IGA-02 TAR-02 AGR-20 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10

NSAE-00 PA-04 USIA-15 PRS-01 L-03 H-03 DRC-01 IO-14

/197 W

----- 012306

R 151200Z DEC 73

FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7077

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY BANJUL

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

UNCLAS LOME 2307

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, XY, ECON

SUBJ: ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)

REF: LOME 2278 (NOTAL)

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LOME 02307 151255Z

1. CONSTITUTIVE CONFERENCE OF THE "COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS

D'AFRIQUE DE L'QUEST" (CEDEAO) WHICH OPENED IN LOME ON
DECEMBER 10 CLOSED ON SCHEDULE DECEMBER 14 WITH FOLLOWING
COMMUNIQUE (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED, EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

2. "CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS HELD AT LOME 10-14 DECEMBER TO SET UP
AN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS) GATHERED
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 15 WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES. OPENING
SESSION OF CONFERENCE WAS PRESIDED OVER BY TOGOLESE
PRESIDENT GENERAL EYADEMA WHO EMPHASIZED NECESSITY OF REGIONAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AS STEP TOWARDS ECONOMIC UNITY OF
CONTINENT. IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS, PRES OF REP OF TOGO
DECLARED PROBLEMS POSED BY DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES, PLURALITY
OF CURRENCIES, DISPARITY OF LEVELS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT CAN BE OVERCOME IF THERE EXISTS POLITICAL WILL,
DETERMINED TO GO FORWARD ON PATH OF PROGRESS.

3. "MINISTERS STUDIED DOCUMENT PREPARED BY GOVTS OF
NIGERIA AND TOGO AND DREW UP GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON BASIS OF
WHICH ECOWAS SHOULD BE CREATED.

4. "GOVTS OF NIGERIA AND TOGO HAVE BEEN CHARGED TO RECORD
THESE PRINCIPLES IN A REPORT WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO
STUDY OF JURISTS AND EXPERTS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES, WHOSE
MEETING IN JANUARY AT ACCRA HAS BEEN DECIDED BY
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS.

5. "WORK OF JURISTS AND EXPERTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO
EXAMINATION OF NEXT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 1974 AT NIAMEY.

6. "MINISTERS EXPRESSED WISH TO SEE A CONFERENCE
OF CHIEFS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVT HELD IN LAGOS DURING
1974 FOR ADOPTION OF TREATY CREATING ECOWAS.

7. "IN COURSE OF THEIR DEBATE, MINISTERS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED
THAT THERE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ANY INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN
PROJECTED ECOWAS AND OTHER EXISTING ECONOMIC GROUPINGS IN
REGION.

8. "MINISTERS WISHED TO EXPRESS THEIR MOST FERVENT THANKS TO
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 LOME 02307 151255Z

GOVT AND PEOPLE OF TOGO FOR WARM AND FRATERNAL WELCOME,
ETC. ETC."

9. ENGLISH AND FRENCH ACRONYMS OF NEW ORGANIZATION MAY
CHANGE, BUT COMMUNIQUE (RELASED IN FRENCH ONLY) USES
CEDEAO. NIGERIAN DEL TOLD VOA CORRESPONDENT THAT ENGLISH
VERSION WOULD BE ECOWAS.

10. CONFERENCE ALSO ISSUED SEPARATE RESOLUTION ON GUINEA
BISSAU: "CONSTITUTIVE CONFERENCE OF CEDEAO
EXPRESSES ITS PLEASURE IN EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION AND POSITIVE
CONTRIBUTION OF DEL OF GUINEA BISSAU WHICH HAS JUST PROCLAIMED
ITS INDEPENDENCE.

"IT SEES IN THIS PRESENCE AFRICAN PEOPLES' WILL FOR
LIBERATION FROM ALL FOREIGN DOMINATION.

"IT EXPRESSES ITS FIRM CONVICTION THAT COMPLETE LIBERATION
OF AFRICAN CONTINENT MUST OF NECESSITY DEPEND ON A RESOLUTE
POLITICAL WILL OF OUR PEOPLES."DICKINSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC COOPERATION, INDEPENDENCE, COMMON MARKETS, MEETINGS, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, CHIEFS OF STATE MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973LOME02307
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: LOME
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731223/aaaaaqki.tel
Line Count: 127
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: LOME 2278 (NOTAL)
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: martinml
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06-Dec-2001 by williad>; APPROVED <13 FEB 2002 by martinml>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)
TAGS: PFOR, ECON, XY, PU, ECOWAS, CEDEAO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005